

KIDS MINISTRY

January 31 Special guest Dean Salter "Michael Moose"
February 7 Intergenerational Service
February 14 Communion
Food For Fun Lunch - sponsored by Kids Ministry
Curriculum - Carol

YOUTH GROUP

February 5 - Nancy Ferguson
February 9 - Shrove Tuesday 4-6pm
February 19 - Melanie & Ken Toews

HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY HOURS

The Healing Ministry will provide sessions on the
first and third Monday of each month from 1-4pm.
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SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

4:00 - 6:00pm

Electric skillets are needed. If you have one that you can lend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Foyer and **bring it on Sunday Feb 7.**
Please label with your name and leave in the kitchen. Thanks

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will be hosting a **SEDER meal** on Wednesday, February 10th from 5:30 - 7:00 to observe the beginning of **LENT**. We will offer some Christian reflections on a traditional Jewish feast. There will be a free-will offering to cover costs. If you wish to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer so we know how many to prepare for. This is a very meaningful service as we enter into a special season of the Christian year.

Next Sunday, February 7th there will be an "Ushers and Greeters" Orientation immediately following the service. If you are interested in knowing what the ushers and greeters do or would like to serve in this capacity, please feel free to attend.

Ladies Night Out -Saturday March 5, 2016

**DeWinton Community Hall - Doors open at 5:30, Cocktails,
3 course dinner, silent auction, fashion show and entertainment!**

**This year we present "Crooning Through Time"
starring Robbie Maxwell**

Tickets are \$45.00

Available in the church office, or see Heather Avis at church on Sundays. **Exact cash or cheque gratefully requested.**

For more information or to reserve your table of 8 or more, please call Heather at (403) 995-1141.

Did you know that silent auction donations are tax deductible? Let us know what the value is of the donation, and it can be added to your church givings.

ALL DONATIONS VERY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

Just drop them off at the church office or contact Heather at (403) 995-1141 or Pat at (403) 938-7533.

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2016 offering envelopes are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer. Please note these start on January 3, 2016, do not use 2015 offering envelopes after December 2015. If you don't have offering envelopes but would like them, or have them and no longer need them, please contact Denyse in the church office.

OUC FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

The OUC Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, February 1st @ 7pm** in the main floor Fireside room. The book to be discussed is **"The Cuckoo's Calling"** by Robert Galbraith/J.K. Rowling, the first in a series of well written 'who-done-its'.

The gathering date for **March is Monday the 7th @ 7pm**. We will be discussing the delightful and much loved **"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"** by Annie Barrows & Mary Ann Shaffer.

The discussion in March will be short because this is the month when we select new books for the coming year - April 2016 to March 2017. To date we have twenty-one books on the suggested list, from which we will be selecting nine. All readers are welcome. If your interest is piqued and you would like to review the suggested list – call Sharon Parsons at (403) 995-4373.

March 8, 2016 is International Women's Day!

If you are interested in joining a committee to plan an **Okotoks United Church International Women's Day event** please contact Carol Price at (403) 982-4442 or email carol.a.price@shaw.ca.

MYSTERY EQUIPMENT

If anyone knows who owns the Crate and /or the Garnet amplifiers being stored behind the wall in the sanctuary, please contact Joanne Dzurka ASAP at (403) 938-4662.

2016 DEWINTON AGM - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

Sunday February 21, 2016

Immediately after worship at 9:45am, pot luck to follow

OKOTOKS MEN'S CHORUS

Men, do you like to sing? The Okotoks Men's Chorus has a place for you!

We welcome all male voices.

Details from Richard (403) 938 7998 or englishelm@gmail.com.

"WHEN YOU COME WEARING SLIPPERS" LADIES RETREAT MORE SPOTS HAVE BEEN OPENED UP!

Ladies, are you tired and need a break from everyday life? Well, sign up for the Okotoks United Women's Retreat! **April 29th to May 1st, 2016 at the FCJ Centre in Calgary**, located close to the Talisman Centre on the Bow River.

This retreat will be **limited to 25 women**. Cost is **\$175.00 per person** two sharing a room with two beds. Includes 4 meals, snacks, use of any room in the facility, media equipment. etc. and accommodation. Rev. Julia will facilitate the weekend. Sign up soon as space is limited. Fun, fellowship, renewal, and great way to get to know the wonderful ladies in our church. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Foyer. A couple of volunteers are needed to help.

Final payment and attendance confirmation will be due the end of February to the church office.

Don't forget to bring your best or funniest slippers!

Any questions or concerns please call Linda Wilson at (403) 862-3609.

FOOD FOR FUN LUNCHES

The Food For Fun lunches were a great success in 2015 so we will be continuing them in 2016! This year we are asking the congregation for a one time donation of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the lunches for the year.

If you are able to contribute, please see Sharon Campbell after worship on Sundays or drop your donation off at the office in an envelope marked Food For Fun.

The first lunch will be held on Sunday January 31 during the AGM and will be sponsored by the Worship Committee.
Hope to see everyone there!

ACOUSTIC GUITAR DONATION REQUEST FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our Soto Haitian Church music team has made a request if anyone might have a **used/no longer needed acoustic guitar** for their church music team. In the past they have used an electric guitar for practice and their services. Recently they have been having many power blackouts in their community and find themselves unable to practice or use the electric guitar during service. If they were able to have an acoustic guitar on standby they could both practice and perform with it when needed. If anyone has one that they find they no longer are using the Mission Possible Team would be thrilled to take it down to the DR in March on our next trip. Please contact Gary Dzurka (403) 938-4662 or gdzurka@xplornet.ca for more details.

2015 TAX RECEIPTS

2015 tax receipts are available for pick up from the literature table in the Foyer.